[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—POLICY STATEMENT BY THE NEW MINISTRY.

RAJA MUTHIAH CHETTIAR OF CHETTINAD :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I wish to make a submission. There is a change in the personnel of the Ministry, as we see in this House. We would like to know from the new Ministry its policy. We are happy and offer our congratulations to Sri Kamaraj Nadar on assuming the office of Chief Minister. It was very nice of him to have accepted the office at a very important and critical juncture when an experienced politician Sri C. Rajagopalachariar retired."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Order, order. I am not going to allow the hon. Member to speak. I am on my legs now."

RAJA MUTHIAH CHETTIAR OF CHETTINAD :—" I wish to make some other submission, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Order, order."

RAJA MUTHIAH CHETTIAR OF CHETTINAD :—" We are entitled to a statement."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I am on my legs and the hon. Member is quite out of order in standing now."

(Raja Muthiah Chettiar of Chettinad resumed his seat.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" Whatever the hon. Member wants to say, let him come to my Chamber and tell me. I have to consult the Minister concerned and come to a conclusion. If the hon. Member wants to offer congratulations, I have no objection. I am not standing in the way of his offering congratulations. I myself will congratulate the Hon. Chief Minister. But the only thing is that in this house we must follow a definite procedure in these matters. The hon. Deputy Leader of the Opposition wanted to raise some point. I communicated it to the Minister concerned so that he might also come prepared and I told the Deputy Leader of the Opposition that I would take up the matter as soon as the questions were over."

RAJA MUTHIAH CHETTIAR OF CHETTINAD :—" Did I not write to you, Sir? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" He did write to me saying that he wanted to offer congratulations but only during question time to-day. I may also say that this is not the appropriate time for raising the point. I must consult the Leader of the House and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition. Though the Hon. Member himself belongs to the Ministerial party, I must know from the Leader of the House what he has got to say. Without consulting him, I cannot give an answer. I am going to take up an adjournment motion, given notice of by Sri K. P. Gopalan."

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RAJA MUTHIAH CHETTIAR OF CHETTINAD :—" I rise on a point of order, Sir. As the former Chief Minister submitted his resignation and a new Ministry has been formed, is it not parliamentary procedure for the new Ministry headed by Sri Kamaraj Nadar to make a statement on the floor of this House regarding its policy? I would like to make a representation to the Chief Minister through you to make a statement of policy as early as possible, particularly in view of the contentious problems that were discussed during the time of the previous ministry in general and the educational policy in particular. I leave the matter at that."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Deputy Leader of the Opposition came to my Chamber and said that he wanted to raise the same question as that now raised by the Raja of Chettinad. I bring to the notice of the Leader of the House that such a question is going to be raised. Then only he will come prepared and be in a position to answer the points."

RAJA MUTHIAH CHETTIAR OF CHETTINAD :—" Thank you, Sir."

III.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE.*

(*a*) SHOOTING OF INDIAN NATIONALS BY THE FRENCH POLICE.

MR. SPEAKER :—" Sri K. P. Gopalan has given notice of the following adjournment motion :—

'This House stands adjourned to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—

" The serious situation created at the Mahe border by the shooting of the two Indian nationals by name Messrs. P. T. Anandan and M. Achuthan by the French Police resulting in their death and injury to many others on 26th April 1954 as a result of the failure of the Government to take effective steps to see that Indian Territory is not violated by the French authorities and that Indian nationals are not molested by them in any manner whatsoever." '

" I must tell the House that the subject-matter of this adjournment motion is a Union subject. So far as this Government are concerned, they can only give the precautions that have been taken by the Police. Before I rule the motion out of order, I advise Sri K. P. Gopalan to put a short notice question. If the Members want to have a half-hour debate, I have no objection. But clearly this is a Union subject."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, I accept your advice."

(*b*) MOTION ADMITTED DURING THE LAST SITTING, POINT OF ORDER *re* TAKING UP IN THIS SITTING.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I wish to make an announcement. Then I will ask the Deputy Leader of the Opposition to say what he wants to say."

* SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" I rise on a point of order, Sir. During the last meeting of the Assembly I had